OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1969

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OAKHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1969

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,250
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)	6,820
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1969	2,112
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1969	£225,679
Net product of a penny rate	£879

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	82	47	129
	Illegitimate	1	4	5
Still Births:	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

					Eng. and Wales 1969
Live Birth Rate:	Crude	19.6	Corrected	19.2	16.3
Death Rate:	"	12.2	"	10.2	11.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:	"	Nil			18.0

QUEBAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1959

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	2,290
Registrar General's estimate of population (mid-year)	6,820
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1959	2,172
Rateable Value at 31st December, 1959	£225,679
Net product of a penny rate	£879

VITAL STATISTICS

		M	F	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	82	47	129
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Gen. and Males 1959

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CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Malignant neoplasm - oesophagus	1	1
" " - stomach	1	1
" " - lung, bronchus	4	-
" " - breast	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	-	2
Other endocrine diseases	-	2
Anaemias	1	-
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-
Hypertensive disease	-	1
Ischaemic heart disease	7	6
Other forms of heart disease	2	1
Cerebrovascular disease	7	9
Other diseases of circulatory system	2	3
Influenza	4	3
Pneumonia	5	7
Bronchitis and emphysema	3	-
Peptic ulcer	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-
Congenital anomalies	-	1
Symptoms and illdefined conditions	2	-
Motor vehicle accidents	3	-
	44	39

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following examinations of specimens from the area were carried out during the year at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester.

Nose and throat swabs	36
Faeces	7

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1969

Disease	Under 1	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 9	10 14	15 24	25 and over
Meningococcal meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-

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Measles	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water	Bacteriological		Chemical	
Number of Samples taken for Analysis:-	By U.D.	By Water Authority	By U.D.	By Water Authority
(a) from wells	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply	-	52	-	52
(c) at source of public supply	-	-	-	-
Results of Samples taken:-				
(a) from wells - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	-	-	-
(b) from piped supply - unsatisfactory	-	-	-	-
satisfactory	-	52	-	52

All the public supply sources are outside the Urban District.

The public supply was unrestricted throughout the year.

Leicester Corporation is responsible for the water supply.

Practically 100% of the houses and of the population of the Urban District are supplied. In a few cases the water is not laid into the houses. These are mainly in an area scheduled for re development. There are no public stand-pipes but in 5 cases taps are shared.

Two good houses with satisfactory piped private supplies are the only ones not on the public supply.

The fluoride content of the water is less than 0.2 p.p.m. and the Council decided in 1963 that no objection be raised to any proposal for the addition of fluoride to the water supply.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

No extensions have been made to the sewers. One new private housing development was commenced during the year. This was on a site where "Outline" Planning Permission had been granted a number of years ago.

At the end of the year, eleven houses were not connected to the main system but these are in isolated areas, including four farmhouses. One house was connected to the main sewer during the year.

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Closet Accommodation

All the sanitary accommodation in the built-up area of the Urban District consists of water closets and there is, therefore, no nightsoil collection.

Public Cleansing

All the premises in Oakham have movable dustbins and the Council use an 18/22 cu. yd (compressing type) refuse collecting vehicle manned by a driver and four men. Generally, a seven day cycle of collections is maintained. This was possible due to the virtual standstill in house building within the district and to the continued good working of the collectors.

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Public Cleansing (Continued)

Refuse disposal is by controlled tipping in a disused ironstone quarry six miles from the town between Wing and Morcott. The Council purchased a second-hand tracked vehicle with bucket/shovel for use at the tip.

At the end of the year, discussions were taking place with neighbouring authorities on the possibility of joint use of the tip.

Smoke

There are no industrial chimneys within the district. No complaints of smoke nuisance arose.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received 70 (including 34 of rats and mice)

Total number of defects or nuisances discovered arising out of complaints 74 (" " " " " ")

This does not include oral complaints which are usually dealt with immediately.

Nature of Inspection	No. of Inspections and Re-visits
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	415
Tents, Vans, etc.	2
Food Premises	51
Dairies	2
Offensive Trades	-
Animal keeping	4
Factories, etc.	38
Shops and offices	18
Other premises	25

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act is resulting in much improvement to sanitary provisions in those types of premises.

N O T I C E S

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st January, 1969	2	1
Issued during the year	10	5
Complied with during year	9	5
Outstanding 31st December, 1969	3	1
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January, 1969	2*	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1969	2*	-

* These outstanding cases relate to Demolition Orders where action is not complete, but the premises concerned were not occupied at the end of the year.

Defects or Nuisances

Most of the work is done by letter, interview or telephone, and few formal notices, either preliminary or statutory, are used.

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CONTROL OF RATS

The Council has a contract with Ratsouris Limited for rat control. All complaints were promptly dealt with and at the end of the year there was little evidence of rats in the town.

SWIMMING POOLS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

An open-air swimming bath owned by Oakham School Trustees is hired by the Council during the summer holidays and opened to public use, the Council providing attendants etc. The bath has a pressure filter and chlorinator which works most of the time while the bath is in public use.

Twelve inspections were made during the season.

A modern indoor pool at the Vale of Catmose Village College is made available for use by various organisations during school terms and out of school hours.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

At the end of the year there were three distributors and a milk vending machine and three premises registered. Seven inspections of premises and vehicles were made.

No action was found necessary under Regulation 20 - Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

Ice-Cream

No ice-cream is now made in Oakham, but seventeen premises are registered for its sale.

Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.

Number of inspections 16

There is no slaughterhouse in the Urban District.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

Whole carcases condemned - None

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned - None

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Premises subject to the Regulations are as follows :-

	No.	Complying with Reg. 16	No. to which Reg. 19 applies	Complying with Reg. 19
Butchers	6	6	6	6
Fishmonger	1	1	1	1
Grocers	10	10	10	10
Bread and Con.	4	4	2	2
Hotels and Licensed Premises	12	12	12	12
Works Canteens	2	2	2	2
School kitchens	5	5	5	5
Restaurants	3	3	3	3
Dairy Shop, etc.	1	1	1	1
Greengrocers	4	4	-	-

Five contraventions were found and were remedied.

There is a busy street market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some of the stalls sell vegetables, fruit and other foods. It has rarely been found necessary to draw attention to breaches of the Regulations and the stall holders are generally ready to comply.

Premises Registered Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955 Section 16 for

Preparation of Sausages, Potted Meats and Meat Pies - 6

Preparation and sale of Fish and Chips - 1

Disposal of Condemned Food

The following foods were voluntarily surrendered as unfit :-

Meat	145 lbs.
Cooked meat and meat products	-
Canned meats	10 lbs.
Other canned foods	28 lbs
Fish (fresh)	-
Fruit and Vegetables (fresh)	-
Other foods	18 lbs.

HOUSING

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made :-	Nil
Closing Orders made :-	-
Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition or Clearance Orders :-	Nil
Demolished without necessity of Demolition Order :-	Nil
Occupied houses with operative Demolition or Closing Orders :-	-

During the year 23 applicants were rehoused.

At the 31st December, the Council owned 571 houses and flats, 10 temporary bungalows and 24 old houses in the Westgate area of the town. Included in this latter figure are 8 which are unoccupied and are eventually to be demolished for redevelopment.

All the Council's pre-war houses, 95 in number, have hot water systems and washbasins, some have internal W.Cs.

Work commenced on the erection of twelve old peoples' flats in the Finkey Street/Dean Street/Northgate area. It was thought that these would help, in some degree, to alleviate the housing problems of some of the old people in the town.

HOUSING

In various parts of the town, improvement grants have been made.

Six Standard Grants were approved in 1969, and of these, three were completed within the year, together with five which had received approval in 1968. These eight improved properties resulted in eight baths, eight wash basins, eight hot water systems, eight internal W.Cs. four foodstores and one sink being provided.

The following table shows new house completions in the last ten years:-

Year	Houses completed other than by the Council	Council Houses	Total
1960	3	21	24
1961	15	21	36
1962	17	63	80
1963	38	8	46
1964	74	1	75
1965	93	6	99
1966	114	22	136
1967	152	77	229
1968	146	-	146
1969	44	-	44
TOTAL	696	219	915

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

I - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	35	26	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' Premises)	3	5	-	-
TOTAL :-	43	37	-	-

II - CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	6	6	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective ventilation	1	1	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL :-	9	9	-	-	-

APPENDIX

Factories Act, 1961

Recorded Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

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I - DEFICIENCIES for the purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of Inspections. (3)	Written Notices (4)	Defaulters Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	5	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	29	24	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	3	-	-
TOTAL :-	43	37	-	-

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TOTAL :-	8	9	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTIONS 133 AND 134)

Nature Of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send-ing lists to the Council	No. of Prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	17	-	-	-	-	-
Plastic and Plastic Articles	20	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	37	-	-	-	-	-

FAIR WAGES OF THE ACT

CONTRACTS

(SECTIONS 123 AND 124)

Nature of Work	Section 123			Section 124		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 123 (4) (c)	No. of cases of default in send-ing list to the Council	No. of Prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in workplace-cum premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making etc.	17	-	-	-	-	-
Plastic and metal articles	20	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	37	-	-	-	-	-